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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: THREAT OF RENEWED TURKISH MILITARY
ACTION

1. DURING MY APPOINTMENT THIS MORNING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE MAVROS TO DELIVER LETTER FROM SECRETARY, CONVERSATION WAS INTERRUPTED BY TELEPHONE CALL FROM GOC'S FONMIN DIMITRIOU. HE TOLD MAVROS THAT TURKISH FORCES APPARENTLY EMBARKING ON ATTACK AGAINST NICOSIA IN EFFORT TO TAKE OVER CITY. IN ADDITION TURKISH FORCES WERE ADVANCING IN OTHER AREAS IN OMINOUS WAY AND TURKS WERE CONCENTRATING HEAVY ARMS, PRESUMABLY FOR PURPOSES OF NEW MILITARY ACTION ELSEWHERE ON ISLAND. APPARENTLY DIMITRIOU MADE PLEA FOR GOG TO SEND TANKS AND OTHER ARMS. MAVROS EXPLAINED THAT I WAS WITH HIM AND I ASKED HIM TO TELL DIMITRIOU THAT USG MAKING STRONGEST EFFORTS WITH GOT TO COMPLY WITH CEASEFIRE AS WELL AS TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER SITUATION.

2. AFTER DIMITRIOU'S TELECON CONCLUDED, MAVROS TURNED TO
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ME AND SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW HE COULD GO TO GENEVA

IN CIRCUMSTANCES. I TOLD HIM HE MUST GO AND MAKE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PROTEST IN PRESENCE OF TURKISH DELEGATION REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE. MAVROS CONCURRED AND SAID HE WOULD NOT CHANGE PLANS TO GO TO GENEVA. I ADDED THAT US HAD MADE VERY STRONG APPROACH TO GOT THROUGH BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY CHANNELS. I URGED HIM TO INFORM GENERAL BONANOS OF LATTER POINT. HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED HIM TO PASS THESE WORDS ALONG AND BONANOS RESPONSE WAS THAT THIS MESSAGE HELPED AND MAVROS WAS DOING RIGHT THING AND TO KEEP ON DOING IT. IN LIGHT OF CONVERSATIONS I HAD LAST NIGHT WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE REGARDING AIRPORT PROBLEM, I URGED FONMIN ALSO TO TELEPHONE HIM TO PASS ALONG LATEST INFORMATION FROM CYPRUS AND OBTAIN BRITISH VIEWS WHICH HE DID.

3. ON MY WAY BACK TO EMBASSY I CALLED BRIEFLY ON BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO FILL HIM IN. HE WILL CABLE LONDON REPORT ON CONVERSATION.

4. AS OF NOW I BELIEVE MAVROS COULD STILL CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA SINCE SITUATION HANGS IN BALANCE DEPENDING UPON WHETHER THERE IS MAJOR TURKISH ATTACK IN NICOSIA OR OTHER TURKISH MILITARY ACTION OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS.
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